



Memorial Hospital

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO HEALTH
Microbiology Laboratory

For Anaerobic Culture – 3 swabs requested:
Fluid Specimens : Do not submit in swabs; use sterile container



Testing includes: Aerobic Culture, Anaerobic Culture, Gram Stain

Suitable Sources for Anaerobic Culture*
Aspirate (by needle and syringe)
Bartholin's gland/cyst and Boils, Skin
Bone Marrow/Blood
Bronchoscopy, Protected Brushing
Culdocentesis (aspirate)
Fallopian tube (aspirate/biopsy)
IUD (for <i>Actinomyces</i> species)
Pilonidal Cysts
Placenta via C-section delivery
Sinus aspirate
Surgical wounds (aspirate, tissue, swab)
Transtracheal aspirate
Urine, Suprapubic aspirate

Murray, Patrick R., *Manual Clinical Microbiology, ASM, Current Ed, Washington, D.C. 2015, ASM Press

For Aerobic ONLY Culture – 1 swab



Does not include Gram Stain – Submit 2 swabs if Gram Stain is desired

Microbiology Lab is available 24/7 for questions: 719-365-5686